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Russian Military Active in Cuba, Letters Disclose

MIAMI, Fla., Aug. 18 (AP) —

Underground letters received here this week said Russian soldiers and military equipment were being moved into camps in Western Cuba.

"Defense Minister Raul Castro, assisted by Russian aides, is personally directing the movement of troops into cities in Matanzas, Havana and Pinar del Rio (Provinces)," one letter said.

Luis Conte Aguero, an exiled Cuban newsman, said some 20 letters he received from the three provinces each reported movement of troops.

The State Department said

yesterday that Communist shipments, possibly including military equipment, were continuing to arrive in Cuba.

Mr. Aguero, who has a short-wave radio program on Station WRUL, New York, said the letters indicated more than 5,000 Russian troops arrived in Cuba during July and August.

The letters said a number of Russian vessels arrived at Havana and Port Mariel.

One letter quoted anonymous "sources within the government" as saying, "the troop shipments were requested by Raul Castro on his last trip to Moscow, and is a maneuver to suppress any rebellion against the Castro regime."